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MEDITERRANEAN STALEMATE SET? GERMANY CROSSES AUSTRIAN BORDER

- > Autumn 1907: England NRR, OM dsbands dsl A War. France retreats dsl F Lyo-Spa(sc). W
- > All proposals fail. France publically voted for EFGI and the HR revision.

- > Winter 1907: Italy builds A Ven and F Nap. Turkey builds A Smy.

ENGLAND (Don Scheifler?): NMR! F NWY, A STP, F BAL, F SWE, A EDI, F NTH, A LON, & A LPL h.

FRANCE (Conrad Minshall): A Bel-BUR (A GAS s), A MAR h (F SPA(sc) s), F Eng-MID, F NAF-Tun.

GERMANY (Paul Milawski): A Mun-BOH, A RUH-Mun (A Ber s Insul), A KIE s A Ber Insul, F BER u, h.

ITALY (Bill Quinn): A Pru-LVN (A WAR s), A SIL-Mun, A Ukr-MOS (A SEV s), A Rum-GAL, A Ven-TYO, A PIE-Mar, F Trh-WES (F LYO & F TUN s), F Nap-ION, F BUL(sc) h.

TURKEY (Seth Owen): A CON-Bul, A Ank-ARM, F Smy-Asg Insul, A SMY u, h.

- > Will John Mayes, 500 E. Anderson Lane #153-0, Austin, TX 78727, please stand by for England?

- > France publically repropose EFGI. EFGIT is also proposed. Vote on these two draws with next saason's orders.

> PRESS--

GERMANY-FRANCE: With only two fleets, how do you plan to keep Italy out of the Atlantic? By teaching the English armies to float?

BUR-MUN: ???

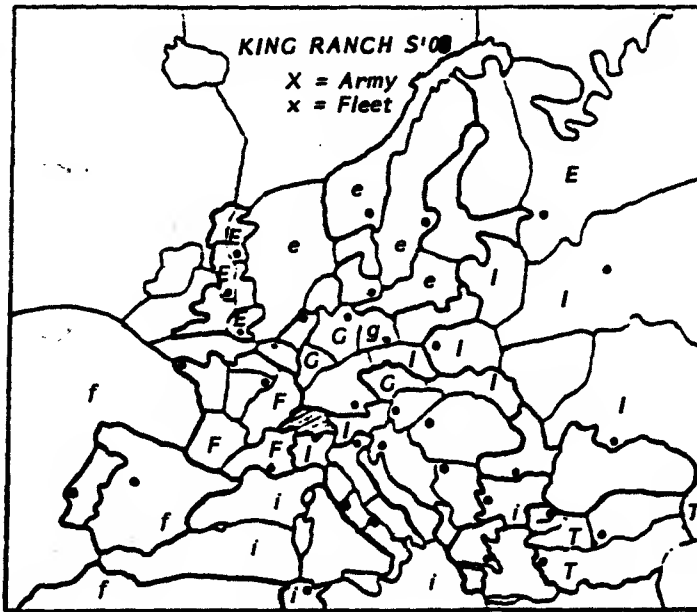
GERMANY-ENGLAND: If this is suicide, it is mercifully slow.

LSD-GERMANY: Slow death is merciful?

GERMANY-LSD: Two issues #38 in a row?

LSD-GERMANY: Only the number on the first page of the sacond #38 was a repeater. Lat's call it a computer malfunction! (Handy cop-out, no?)

CON-LON, PAR, BER: Gat something together quickly, guys!



1982AM

JALAPEÑO

F 1909

PEACE TREATY GUARANTEES ANGLO-ITALIAN HEGEMONY IN EUROPE

- > The E/I draw passed. Congratulations to David Pierce and Gregory Fritz, who each get a 14-issue sub credit for sharing the "win". The other survivors (Terry Suitor, Bryan Jurkowski, and Dick Martin) receive 10 issues.
- > Endgame statements and the game summary will be printed next issue.



"Hey! The new software for the cat scanner's here!"



DEADLINE
for all LSD games:

40 March 1985

★ **ROUNDUP** of Texas & International News

BACK TO THE WARS. I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and are ready to get back to the Diplomacy boards. I spent a few days on the coast with my family for Christmas. The highlights included too much rich food and endless football on the tube. My best present came from my sister, who crocheted an afghan for me. Since I don't have Caruso to keep my lap warm when I type LSD, I needed another lapwarmer. I toasted in 1985 with out-of-town friends staying in the Hyatt. Pity the hapless folks boogying on the ground floor of the atrium. A lot of junk gets thrown from 18 floors of balconies on New Year's Eve. Thanks for all the holiday greetings. I especially liked the ones with photographs of your families.

LET IT SNOW. I've been translating a lot of meteorological research the last several months, and the latest data from Soviet researchers indicate that the recent spate of weird weather may partly be a consequence of the eruption of El Chichon in Mexico several years ago. (The studies tie in with the "nuclear winter" theory currently in vogue, and the conclusions are pretty convincing.) I know that many of you experience severe weather every year, and that records are being set all over. It was no exception in Austin. We had two (2) snowfalls this month, each one setting new marks. Normally we only get snow every three or four years. When it does happen, the city shuts down for a day or two until it melts. Schools, businesses, and even the shopping malls close, so the "bad" weather gives everyone a holiday.

NEW CAT IN TOWN. Speaking of lapwarmers, we have adopted a new kitten. He's a fast and feisty feline, with a long, cheetah-shaped body. His medium-length white fur has tabby coloration on the tail, head, and a side spot. He's the most stubborn cat I have ever known, determined to get into things he shouldn't, but he does leave evidence behind. We don't have a definite name yet, but use several temporary monikers: Pilsbury, Taffy, Porkchop, and Gitoutathere. Any suggestions?

RUNESTONE POLL. I try to vote in most of the "serious" polls. I have been known to participate in some surveys, too, but many of them are too long and tedious. The joke polls don't interest me too much anymore, since my participation in the fannish side of the hobby has diminished. But I just love reading statistics, even if they are "meaningless". Now I understand that some people don't want Bruce Linsey to run the Runestone Poll, and urge a boycott or some other action, maybe a rump poll. In line with hobby tradition, Randolph Smyth, the previous custodian of the poll, has the right to choose his successor. I don't have any complaint with Bruce, and so I'll be voting as usual, but those who mistrust him can do what they like. I understood that Pat Conlon has offered to receive ballots and send the data to Bruce without identifying the voters. Also, Bruce will send all the ballots to Pat, who will make an independent audit. This is about as much of a guarantee as possible. I can't think of a time that some similar feud hasn't divided the hobby. That's too bad, but it goes with the territory.

FRESHMAN ZINE POLL. Evaluate the zines which debuted in 1984 by sending your ballot to Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Ln #1, Sacramento, CA 95825, by the deadline of 22 February. Rate the new zines on a scale of 0 (boo!) to 10 (yee!).

PLUG. It may not look like much now (two sheets with two photoreduced pages on each), but OMNIPOTENT has promise. Robert C. Sweeney Jr., 614 Custer, Ft. Leavenworth, KS [zip unknown] is offering Kingmaker, regular and variant Diplomacy. The latter is called "Italian Balance", with Libya added as an extra supply center province between North Africa and Tunis. No other board changes, but each power has an undesignated unit at gamestart which may become an army or fleet in winter 1900.

STANDBY LIST. Byrne, Fritz, Jurkowski, Mayes, Quinn, and Tinker. Your name comes off the list at your request or when you take over an NMR position. There's always room for more.

1984HP MOCKINGBIRD F 1901

PAPAL KNIFE BLOODIED
WESTERN PEACE STILL PREVAILS

> Summar 1901 PRESS--

LSD PRESS SERVICE: Record mild summer waathar over most of Europe apparently kept military temperatures low. Although Spain, Denmark, and Bulgaria played host to peaceful occupiers, the few minor skirmishes between the major powers did not cause any casualties, and no widespread retreats were seen.

ENGLAND (Greg Fritz): F Nwg-NWY,
A Edi-BEL (F NTH c).
FRANCE (Jeff Albrecht): F Mid-POR,
A SPA h, A Par-PIC.
GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): F DEN h, A Kie-HOL,
A Mun-RUH.
ITALY (Joa Gallagher): A NAP-Gre (F ION c),
A Tyo-VIE.
AUSTRIA (Paul Milewski): F ALB-Gre,
A GAL-Rum, A Bud-SER.
RUSSIA (Don Tinker): A WAR-Gal, F SEV-Bla,
F Bot-SWE, A Stp-FIN.
TURKEY (David Pierce): F ANK-Bla,
A BUL-Rum, A CON-Bul.

> Winter 1901 is a separate season. But you vets know that. Why not sand in some spring moves as insurance, too?

> Supply center status for W'01 adjustments:

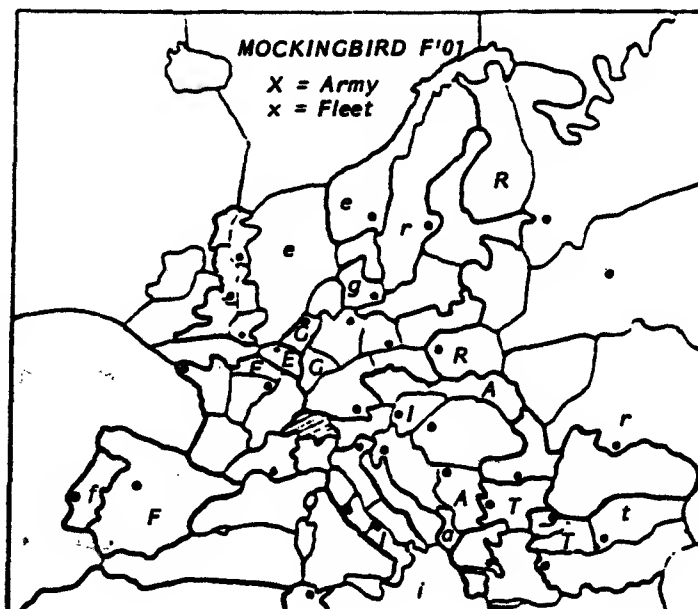
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A: Bud, Tri, Via, SER	3/even
R: Home, SWE	5/build 1
T: Home, BUL	4/build 1

Still free: Gre, Tun, Rum

> PRESS--

LSD RUMOR MILL: Eastern powers are wondering about troops reported to be massing for a major battle for Belgium. An English baschead early this fall destroyed Belgian hopes for neutrality and independanca. The invasion did not go unremarked at the high levels of the French and German foreign and war ministries. Several units of each country's infantry were sent to the Belgian border as a precautionary measure. Rumors heard on Athan's Embassy Row hint that Germany's "incursion" into the Netherlands may have been the first staga of a plan to annex the North Sea Littoral, and the English move was a preemptive action. However, Swiss sources say the rumors of impending major conflict over Belgium are false. They assured this reporter that western powers are trying to present a disunified front in order to exploit and encourage the conflict in the East.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Isn't it reassuring to know you have so many friends around the world? Remember your American Express card; don't leave home without it!



JEFF-LSD: I don't mind playing France. It has been a long time since I last played with the light blue blocks. No problem, Mike.

FRANCE-LSD RE EMPEROR GALLAGHERI: If there is one fellow in this game that is open and honest, it has to be Emperor Gallagheri. He is really a prince of a fellow. I believe him implicitly. (And if you believe that, I have some land I would like to sell you which is a dozen or so miles southeast of Wall, South Dakota.)

LSD-FRANCE: Not in the market for real estate at the present, but when I am, I'll remember your offer.

FRANCE-RUSSIA: What did you do to deserve all the attention?

LSD-FRANCE: Would you prefer I focus on the French? Maybe I'm trying to start a press war with him. Naaah! I'm too nice a guy for that.

BER-MOS: It looks like you may be facing a severe winter this year in the south. In the spirit of the holidays, the Kaiser would like to invite the Tsar to winter this season in Sweden, at least until the weather clears.

LSD RUMOR MILL: Tsar Donskoi V announced plans to spend the winter basking on a raft in the Black Sea. Unfortunately, it is likely the Ottoman Sultan will insist on observance of the treaty prohibiting any kind of military presence on that body. The Tsar sent his nephew Prince Naznaev to Stockholm in his place at the invitation of the Kaiser. Naznaev was accompanied by a rather large entourage. Swiss sources in the Russian Embassy hint that he thinks the Tsar is trying to diminish his influence at court.

BER-EUROPE: Although the clouds of war threaten the horizon, the Kaiser would like to reaffirm his hope for peace. Happy Holidays to All!

BER-LSD: And a special holiday greeting to our GM. Best wishes for the new year.

LSD-BER: And Happy New Moon to you!

ITALY-AUSTRIA: I really couldn't resist.

ITALY-TURKEY: Let's hope your support is there. I'm out on a limb.

1983H LONGHORN S 1906

ENGLISH TAKE LIVONIAN BEACHES
AUSTRIA REJECTS ITALIAN SLURS

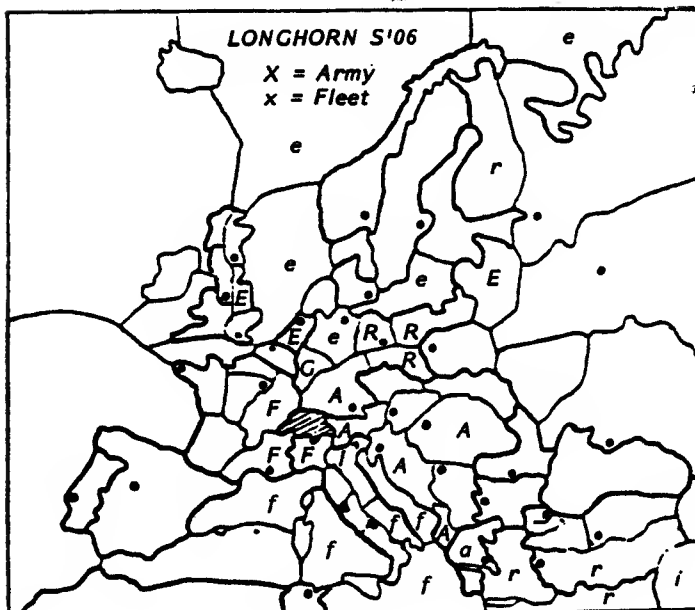
> FEAR fails.

> Since Austria had 1 unit annihilated, he may build one.



> Autumn 1905: England retreats dsl A Kie-Hol. Italy retreats dsl F Eas-Syr.

> Winter 1905: Germany disbands A Mun. Austria builds A Bud. Russia builds A War.



ENGLAND (Seth Owen): F Nwy-BAR (F NWG s), F Den-KIE (A HOL s), A YOR-Bel (F NTH c), A Swe-LVN (F BAL c).
FRANCE (Rick Ragsdale): A BUR h (A MAR s), F Tus-TRH, F ION-Eas, A PIE s Italian A Ven, F APU-Ion (F ADR s).
GERMANY (John Mayes): A Kie-Hol [dsl, ann], A RUH-Bel.
ITALY (Mark Luedi): F SYR s French F ION-Eas, A VEN h.
AUSTRIA (Greg Fritz): A Boh-MUN (A TYO s), A TRI s A Tyo, A BUD s A Tri, A Ser-ALB (F GRE s).
RUSSIA (Joe Gallagher): A SMY-Syr (F EAS s), F AEG s F Eas, A BER s Austrian A Boh-Mun, A PRU s A Ber, F Bot-FIN, F Bar-Stp(nc) [dsl, ann], A Mos-Lvn [nsul], A War-SIL, A Stp u. h [dsl, ret to Mos, Lvn or dsbl].

> Russia must retreat A Stp.

> PRESS--

AUSTRIA-ITALY: I see what you mean now. I guess I blew it by not doing as you demanded. Look at me! I still have six centers, a good alliance with Russia, a possible stalemate line, and even maybe part of a draw. You're right, I threw the game.
MUNICH DEPOT DISPATCH: Germany gladly welcomes its Austrian and Russian liberators!

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: I suppose there is no way we can kiss and make up?

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: Why do you play this game? You don't write, you don't attack anybody, and you certainly have no idea how to play. So tell me, why do you bother? I mean, what is your bag?

★ The art of diplomacy is to have no winners and no losers.
--Henry Kissinger

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Standbys: Sub credit for standbys who play to the end of game or elimination.
Awards: Winners get 20 free issues of LSD or equivalent, 2-way drawees get 14 issues, all other survivors get 10, & eliminated players get 6.

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